

Stated Meeting, August 20, 1858.

Present, five members.

The Vice-Presidents being absent, Mr. Justice was called to the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Royal Society of London, dated March 13, 1858, and from the Royal Geographical Society, dated December 30, 1857, respectively acknowledging the receipt of the Transactions of this Society, Vol. XI. Part 1, and of the Proceedings, Nos. 55 and 56: and—

From the Royal Geographical Society, dated April 20, 1858, announcing a donation for the library.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Addresses of the newly appointed Professors of Columbia College.

New York, 1858. (200 pages.) 8vo.—*From the College.*

Journal of the Proceedings of the 74th Pennsylvania Episcopal Diocesan Convention. Philadelphia, 1858. (200 pages.) 8vo.—

From Jas. J. Barclay.

Report of the Managers of the Episcopal Church Hospital. Philadelphia, 1858. (40 pages.) 8vo.—*From the same.*

Third Annual Report of the Wisconsin Hist. Soc. Vol. III. Madison, 1857. (550 pages.) 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Tenth Annual Report of the Maryland Institute. Baltimore, 1858. (233 pages.) 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

Defence of Dr. Gould, by the Scientific Council of the Dudley Observatory. Albany, 1858. (92 pages.) 8vo.—*From A. D. Bache*

Thirty-seventh Annual Report, Mercantile Library and Clinton Hall Association. New York, 1858. (40 pages.) 8vo.—*From the Ass.*

Philosophical Trans. Royal Soc. London. Vol. 147. Parts 1, 2. Proceedings of the same. VIII. 27; IX. 28, 29; with the List of Officers and Fellows, Nov. 30, 1857; with the Anniversary Address of the President.—*From the Society.*

Monthly Notices, Royal Astron. Soc. XVII. XVIII. No. 8.

Memoirs of the same. Vol. XXVI. London, 1858.—*From the Soc.*

Journal Royal. Geog. Soc. XXVII. London, 1857. 8vo. and

- Proceedings of the same. II. No. 1, 2. Jan. March, 1858.
- Report of the Adjudication of the Copley, Rumford and Royal Medals and appointment of the Bakerian, Croonian and Fairchild lectures, compiled from the original Documents in the Royal Society, by James Hudson, Asst. Sec. and Librarian. London, 1834. 4to.
—*From the Royal Society.*
- Six Discourses before the Royal Soc. at the awarding of the medals, preceded by an address by Sir Humphrey Davy. London, 1827. 4to.—*From the Royal Society.*
- Observations Meteorologiques à Nijné Taguilsk. Paris, 1858. 8vo.
- Journal Soc. Arts and Inst. in Union. VI. 276–279. London, 1858.
- Journal Bath and West of England Soc. London, 1857. 8vo.
- Journal Royal Dublin Soc. Nos. 7 and 8. 8vo.—*From the Society.*
- Journal Franklin Institute. XXXVI. 2. Philadelphia, 1858. 8vo.
- Catalogue of Antiquities in the Royal Irish Acad. Museum, by W. R. Wilde, illustrated. Dublin, 1857. (250 pp.) 8vo.—*From W. R. W.*
- Bulletin Soc. de Geographie. T. XV. Paris, 1858. 8vo.
- Medical News and Library. XVI. 188. Philadelphia, 1858. 8vo.
—*From Blanchard & Lea.*
- Experiments on Sonorous Flames by W. B. Rogers. From the Amer. Jour. (15 pages.) New Haven, 1858. 8vo.—*From the Author.*
- The Dudley Observatory, an address to the citizens of Albany, &c. 1858. (32 pages.) 8vo.

Dr. Harris announced the decease of William Rawle, Esq., a member of the Society, who died on the 9th of the present month, in the 71st year of his age.

Mr. Lesley laid before the meeting some specimens of slate from the second coal bed of Broad Top, containing *Lepidostrobis*, which he considers important as establishing the identity of this coal bed at different points of its many outcrops in widely distant parts of the United States. In connection with this he also exhibited specimens of top-slate, polished to a perfect mirror surface by the disturbance of the coal bearing strata.

On motion of Mr. Letchworth, an appropriation of forty dollars was made to pay expenses incurred by the Librarian.